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121 strophic the fortunes of war and politics, the very nature of a people and the essential conditions of their geography do not change. Who then are the Hungarian people? What is the nature of their country? How do they gain their livelihood? What is the social structure of the nation, its spiritual loyalties, the prevalent ideas in the minds of the people and the origins of them?

101 **WHO ARE THE MAGYARS?** The name of Hungary 174 in its own language is Magyarország—Magyarland; and its story and its problems are to a quite peculiar degree those of the strange and interesting people who inhabit it and to whom it owes that name. The Magyars are not, by origin, Europeans in the ordinary sense of the term. Their remote ancestors were a primitive tribe, distantly related to the Finns. Finnish and its cousin Estonian, are the only languages spoken in Europe to-day which bear any likeness to Magyar, and the Magyars always feel a warm sympathy for the Finns, as their nearest relatives. The forefathers of the Magyars, however, lived in ancient times far eastward of the present Finland, on the eastern slopes of the Ural Mountains. Here they mingled with nomad tribes who were roaming the plains of Central Asia, and under their leadership they journeyed by gradual stages across South Russia and the Ukraine, driven ever westward by the pressure of other nomadic races from the East. At last, at the end of the ninth century—that is over 1000 years ago—they crossed the Carpathian Mountains and pitched their tents on the further side, in the land which their descendants still inhabit.